

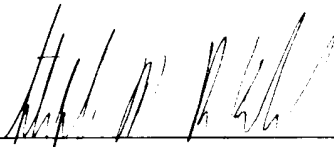
REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8-17 are allowed. The claims 25 and 27-29 have been rejected. The rejected claims have now been cancelled. Applicant may wish to file divisional or continuation applications with different claims.

Applicant believes that this application is now in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

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